

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2893

February 11, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the jurisdiction of the West Tennessee River Basin Authority to include the preservation of the natural flow and function of creek and river basins that flow through Benton, Decatur and Hardin Counties into the Tennessee River from the west. Includes Benton, Decatur and Hardin Counties to those counties where the Authority may operate in accomplishing its primary activities. Adds Benton, Decatur and Hardin Counties to those where the county legislative body may vote to participate in the programs of the Authority thus accept the provisions under which the Authority operates. Establishes 6 year terms for members of the Authority's board of directors who are appointed by the Governor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$78,000 / Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$22,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- West Tennessee River Basin Authority gets approximately 22% of operating revenues from the participating counties and 78% from state appropriations.
- total operating revenues for the Authority of approximately \$865,000.
- Authority requests 1% of counties' ad valorem taxes multiplied by the portion of the county in which it operates.
- inclusion of the creek and river basins provided for in the act will affect the three counties mentioned as well as parts of 5 counties already served by the Authority.
- the additional expenses related to serving these new areas will be approximately \$100,000 with local government expenditures estimated to be approximately \$22,000 annually.
- the Authority will request a state appropriation of approximately \$78,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director